

--45. The purified polynucleotide of claim 11, wherein said polynucleotide comprises a polynucleotide sequence of at least about 10 nucleotides.

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46. The purified polynucleotide of claim 11, wherein said polynucleotide comprises a polynucleotide sequence of at least about 12 nucleotides.

47. The purified polynucleotide of claim 11, wherein said polynucleotide comprises a polynucleotide sequence of at least about 15 nucleotides.

48. The purified polynucleotide of claim 11, wherein said polynucleotide comprises a polynucleotide sequence of at least about 20 nucleotides.--

REMARKS

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-44 are pending. Claims 1-10, 15-32, 34-37, and 40-44 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 11-14, 33, 38, and 39 are rejected. New claims 45-48 have been entered by this amendment.

The Examiner has objected to the following informalities in the present application: an incorrect address for the American Type Culture Collection; and, improper sequence number identifiers.

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-14, 33, 38, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, asserting that the claims are indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-14 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) asserting that the claims are clearly anticipated by Hillier, et al.

These rejections are believed to be overcome in part by the amendments and are otherwise traversed for reasons discussed below.

Overview of the Amendments

Claim 33 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11, 38, and 39 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer. Cancellation or amendment of